



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In re application of

ANTHONY J. KONECNI ET AL.

Serial No. 08/988,686 (TI-22166)

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For: PLASMA PRE-TREATMENT TO REMOVE RESIDUES FORMED IN A VIA

Art Unit 2822

Examiner M. Wilczewski

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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REPLY TO ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2002

In reply to the Office action dated November 19, 2002 with translation of Japanese reference, it is respectfully submitted that the translation is not of record in this appeal since it was never cited during prosecution. In the event the examiner wishes to cite the translation, reopening of prosecution is required to provide appellant with an opportunity to properly rebut this translation since no such opportunity has been provided to date, this being a denial of due process.

Respectfully submitted,

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